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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £251,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. G. Kew, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Arnim, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Irwin, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. C. F. Chater, [The Hon.] J. Bell-Irving,
H. Hoppius, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agents—Peking, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Count of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chao Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chen Kih Shan, Esq., W. Wotton, Esq.,
C. J. Hurst, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chun, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 " "
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [8]

THE STANDARD
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVI-
DENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
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NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAILS 600,000, } \$533,333.33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SHUN, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 2 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [89]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CANON ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state
that she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Cuffs renewed on old ones.
Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioresse will also be most grateful for
any PAIRS of old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1893. [310]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I, THE Undersigned, hereby give notice
that I will not be Responsible for any
DEBTS contracted by my Wife FLORIANA
TAUFER, who has left my house and is now
entirely beyond my control and jurisdiction.
Those trusting the said FLORIANA TAUFER
do so entirely at their own risk and at their own
Responsibility.

GEORGE TAUFER.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1893. [400]

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON
will take place on FRIDAY, 7th April,
at the THEATRE ROYAL, at 8.15 P.M. Member-
ship Tickets must be shown at the Door and
Members are requested to do everything in
their power to facilitate matters at the Door—
show tickets at ONCE and no hump in doing
so. As a large attendance is anticipated Mem-
bers wishing Visitors' Tickets should apply
personally to any of the Committee for them
early in the week. The Rules and Visitors
are strictly enforced.

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1893. [399]

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 102,
dated 20th day of December, 1892, for
TWENTY-FIVE SHARES in the above Com-
pany and Numbered 2526 to 2550 inclusive,
standing in Register in the name of WONG
YAT SUN having been LOST. Notice is
hereby given that a NEW SCRIP CERTI-
FICATE for the said Twenty-five Shares will be
issued Seven days hence, and that the Original
Scrip Certificate, unless produced within that
period, will thereafter be held by the Company
as Null and Void.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [405]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PRIVATE
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be
held in the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on SATUR-
DAY, 8th April, at 11 A.M.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1893. [348]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that from and
after this date no further Allotments of
Shares in the above Company will be made to
Shareholders in the PUNJON AND SUNGRIE
DIA SHERMAN MINING COMPANY in respect
of the Shares held by them in such last named
Company and that all those Shareholders in
the said last named Company who have failed
to apply for the Allotments of Shares to which
they were entitled in the above Company under
the Agreement dated the 21st day of July, 1892,
and made between the said last named Com-
pany and the Liquidator thereof of the one part
and the Company of the other part will as from
this date be excluded from all benefit of such
agreement.

Dated 27th March, 1893.
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary of the Punjon Mining Co. Ld.
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NOTICE.
DIVING.

AN experienced man seeks an engagement
as a DIVER, either as an "OPERATIVE"
or in charge of a DIVING PARTY.
Fully acquainted with all latest improvements
in sub-marine craft. Telephone, Lamp-work
&c.

Slebe and Gorman's apparatus (Double or
single Pump) can be provided.
Breakwater and Pier Work a Specialty.
The Salvage of Cargo and Removal
of Wrecks undertaken in any locality.
References regarding work executed in the
North Atlantic, Mediterranean and China Seas
can be seen.

DZTONATOR,
c/o Office of the Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [392]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL
of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—
FRESHNESS of the coal.
UNIFORMITY of quality.
FREEDOM from impurities.
Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.
Quick despatch.
BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1892. [890]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL: MERCHANTS, SHIPS' COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAHI COAL,
ex GODOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Dock, reports that AKAHI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 35, PRINCE CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1893. [187]

Intimations.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Krenlla"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Office.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy; the tables being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjoins the Hotel, and is under the same management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1893. [108]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED, FRESH STOCK OF THE FOLLOWING BRANDS

TOBACCOS.

CAPSTAN NAVY CUT.
WILLS' TRAVELLER BRAND.
OGDEN'S FRUIT AND HONEY.
WILLS' BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.
THREE CASTLES.

WILLS' GOLDEN FLAKE HONEY DEW.
OGDEN'S NAVY CUT.
OGDEN'S SILVER VEIL.
OGDEN'S BEST BIRD'S EYE.
HAPPY THOUGHT.

DOLLAR BRAND.
STAR MIXTURE.
GOLDEN EAGLE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1893. [7]

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "MIRZAPUR" AND "CANTON."

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF

NEW GOODS.

NEW SUMMER SILKS,
CREPE DE CHINES,
&c.

FRENCH TEA GOWN SILK,
&c.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1893. [6]

W. ROBINSON & Co.
(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING \$ 5.00
6 TUNINGS A YEAR \$25.00 PER ANNUM
12 " " " \$48.00 " "

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [58]

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY,

(NEXT DOOR HONGKONG DISPENSARY.)

SPRING NOVELTIES,
IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

AN EARLY INSPECTION INVITED.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.,
Nos. 1, 3, 5 & 7, D'AGUILAR STREET.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1893. [305]

W. BREWER.

BOOKS FOR TRAVELLERS.

GUIDES TO HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO, JAPAN, THE EAST, AMERICA AND
CANADA.

Things Japanese, by Chamberlain.
Things Chinese, by Dyer Hill.
Chinese Stories, by Douglas.
Three Years in Western China, by Hoile.
The Japs at Home, by Douglas Sladen.
A Summer Tour in Russia, by A. Galleaga.
Japan in Arts and Industry, by Regency.
From Adams Peak to Elephantia, by Carpenter.
New French Novels.
New American Novels.

The Real Japan, by Henry Norman.
New China and Old, by Archdeacon Moule.
Sake's Tenth Day, by Tanaka's Tenth Day.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1893. [40]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

OWING to the ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING
there will be NO COMPETITION on
SATURDAY, 8th instant.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [51]

KOCH'S PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE,
No. 30, STANLEY STREET.

BOARD and LODGING, Per Day ... \$ 1.50
BOARD (TIFFIN and DINNER) Per ... \$25.00
M. at ...
Hongkong, 24th March, 1893. [370]

PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE,
STAINFIELD'S—1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

VACANCIES FOR GENTLEMEN or MAR-
RIED COUPLES at Moderate Terms.
Mrs. STAINFIELD,
Proprietress.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1892. [40]

BOARD and RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.
Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [36]

D. R. KNORR'S
LION BRAND
ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by
the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.
To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.
Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [406]

Amusements.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF

His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency the Hon. Sir EDMUND B.
FREEMANTLE, K.C.B., C.M.G.,
AND
His Excellency Major-General DIGBY
BARKER, C.B.

GRAND CONCERT
BY
PUPILS OF MAESTRO CATTANEO,
in aid of the furnishing of
THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL.
(Supplementary to the
ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL),
at present in course of erection.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.
POSTPONED
UNTIL
THURSDAY, the 13th April.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1.—Opening Chorus, Sing
Pretty Maiden Sing;
Romanza and Chorus.
It was a Knight; Ro-
manza, 'tis the Harp
in the Air; Angelus
Chorus—Marians, by
Wallace.

2.—Aria for Bass, Dis-
pergunt Vado—Les
Huguenots, by Mey-
beer.

3.—Aria for Contralto,
Che faro—Orfeo and
Euridice, by Gluck.

4.—Piano Solo, Miss
Carolina de Souza.
5.—Grand Aria and Cab-
retta for Soprano—La
Traviata, by Verdi.

6.—Duet for Soprano and
Tenor, Un Ballo in Mas-
chera, by Verdi.

7.—Aria and Allegro for
Soprano, I Fortino, by
Bellini.

8.—Ave Maria, for Bass
and Chorus, by A. Cat-
tanéo.

Mrs. J. McCALLUM,
Mrs. MUDIE,
and Ladies & Gen-
tlemen Amateurs.

Mr. KRALL.

Mrs. A. G. GORDON.

Miss E. CARVALHO.

Mr. C. H. GRACE.

Mrs. G. S. COXON.

Mr. C. HOLLIDAY,
and Ladies & Gen-
tlemen Amateurs.

PART II.

1.—Aria for Soprano, and
Miserere for Soprano,
Tenor, and Chorus—Il
Trovatore, by Verdi.

2.—Aria for Soprano, Ro-
berto il Diavolo, by
Meyerbeer.

3.—Aria for Tenor, Come
Gentile Sleep, Ivanhoe,
by Sullivan.

4.—Duet for the Pae-
trio, from the Pacific,
Violin and Piano, by
A. Cattaneo.

5.—Habanera & Bolero
for Soprano, by Yradier
and Ardit.

6.—Aria for Tenor, Salvo
o' Dimora, Faust, by
Gounod.

7.—Grand Aria for Bass,
Macbeth Seconda, by
Rossini.

8.—Duet for Soprano and
Contralto, Stabat Ma-
ter, by Rossini.

Mrs. E. CARVALHO,
Mr. C. LAMBERT,
and Ladies & Gen-
tlemen Amateurs.

Mrs. KYELLER.

Mr. F. J. EAST.

Mr. RUCHVALDY
and
Mr. CATTANEO.

Mrs. F. D. GUERRE.

Mr. C. LAMBERT.

Mr. C. HOLLIDAY.

Mrs. G. S. COXON
and
Mr. A. G. GORDON.

[No ENCORES.]

Tickets, Two Dollars each, may be had from
Mr. BREWER, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Messrs.
LAW, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. ROBINSON
& Co.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [340]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI,
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1893. [430]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA,
THE Steamship

"SIKH,"
Captain Rowley, will be despatched as above on
about THURSDAY, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [402]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVA-
TION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME,
AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"
Captain R. Deperis, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 8th April, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3
P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1893. [345]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MACDUFF,"
Porter, Commander, will be despatched for the
above Port on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th
April, instead of as previously advertised.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR LIST OF
WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE beg to invite careful attention to the following List of WINES & SPIRITS, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

BRANDY.

OLD PALE COGNAC, O.P. 1811
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC, V.O.P. 1812
AN OLD LIQUEUR COGNAC, O.L. 1813
THE FINEST LIQUEUR COGNAC, 20 years old, V.O.L. 1814

WHISKY.

SCOTCH—A mellow old whisky, 8
F.O.S.—A blend of the finest
whiskies produced in Scotland,
matured in Sherry wood, 10
Liqueur—A very rare old Scotch
whisky, Square bottle, 11
IRISH—John Jameson's, 9
AMERICAN—Genuine old Bourbon, 10

GIN.

GENEVA A.V.H.—15 large bottles
in case, \$11
KEY BRAND GENEVA—Finest
procured, 7
OLD TOM—5

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.,
Victoria Dispensary,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1893.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently
refitted with automatic Steam Machinery,
of the latest and most approved kind, and we
are well able to compete in quality with the best
English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the
utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the
manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as hereto-
fore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our
Customers who prefer to have them in the ordi-
nary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS
whenever practicable, are despatched by first
steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
the full amount allowed for Packages and
Emphits when received in good condition.
Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on
application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."
And all signed messages addressed thus will
receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept
ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

LEMON SQUASH

GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
grassy, or that appear to have been used for any
other purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE UNITED STATES DEMOCRACY.
LONDON, April 3rd.
Mr. T. F. Bayard has been appointed Amba-
sador from the United States to London.

BISMARCK AND THE ALMIG TY
KAISER.

Prince Bismarck, when receiving a deputation
on his birthday, called for cheers for the Em-
peror William as the protector of all German
races.

HOME RULE.

A party of Newcastle work-men have started
to attend the Ulster meeting of Unionists.

GUNPOWDER SUPERSEDED.

Germany has adopted the new smokeless
explosive in substitution of ordinary gunpowder.

EGYPT.

The Times considers the situation in Egypt
serious owing to Riaz Pasha's obstruction.

EGYPT.

April 4th.
The French papers contain copious extracts
from a Cairo journal ("El Moayed") accusing
the Egyptian police—under British control—of
extracting contributions by torture. *Le Temps*
found them a vehement attack on British
rule in Egypt.

BALFOUR ON THE STUMP.
Mr. A. J. Balfour arrived at Larne, where he
was greeted by a vast assemblage, the harbour
being gaily decorated in his honour. He after-
wards proceeded to Belfast.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Talbot* left
Bombay on the 1st inst., for this port.

We are that the full score of the Easter
Shooting Competition is too long to be squeezed
into our columns.

THE O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gallea*, with
mail, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via
Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 4th inst.

WHAT was all the "gorgeous" decoration for on
the *Prima* to-day? A little bird whispers in
our ear that there was a wedding on board.

The steamer *Kylin*, recently ashore on South
Bank, Hualan Head, was into dock this
morning at Hungnam, and was found to be
almost unharmed.

We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian
Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer
Maria Valeria, from Bombay, left Singapore
for Hongkong this afternoon.

IL RE UMBERTO, of Italy, has honored the
venerable composer Verdi (whose latest opera
"Otello" is at present the rage in European
musical circles) with the title of Marquis of
Busseto.

AN Emergency meeting of Perseverance Lodge,
No. 1165, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons'
hall, 222, E.C., this evening, at 8.30 for 9
o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially
invited.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail
steamer *Empress of India*, Captain O. P.
Marshall, left Vancouver on Monday afternoon
last for this port, via Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki
and Shanghai.

"NONE" at the City Hall Theatre to-night was
simply superb—the greatest success ever
attained by the London Lyric, and that is saying
a great deal. Second (and final) performance of
the comedy to-night. Full critique to-morrow.

NATIVE accounts, according to the *Japan*
Herald, state that the new Japanese tea crop
will probably be a little later than last year.
The severe cold has had a certain effect upon
the leaves, but is not thought to have done much
damage, and if the plants escape any late
frosts, the crop will probably be equal to that of
last year.

It is worthy of note that the Honourable James
Johnstone Kewick, Steward of the Jockey Club,
head of Jardine, Matheson & Co., in Hongkong,
special jurymen, member of the Legislative
Council, author of the Share Gambling Ordinance
of 1891, later by the "corner in Bank"
of the same year, &c., &c., resumed his seat
to-day in the Legislative Council Chamber.
The roof did not fall in.

THE girl who allows herself to be coaxed into a
contemporary, remarks a contemporary,
stands about one chance in ten of being
married to that particular man. He comes,
admires and thinks best to secure her, although
he is not in a position to ask. Some men are
selfish creatures. After a year in the "seventh
heaven," life begins to be prosaic again, and
their love floats along a placid sea. After
several years of waiting, when the girl has be-
gun to lose her youth and beauty, the tide turns
in their favor, the harbor is in sight and all
seems well. But here comes a smooth-sailing
little craft directly across their bows. There is
a crash! The lover clings to the newly found
ship and leaves the other to sink or to be tossed
upon the beach alone. The moral is obvious.

IRISH whisky has a peculiarity of its own which,
to many tastes, renders it the finest spirit in the
world, far superior to any other. Its delicacy
of flavor and sublimity of character, is es-
sentially different from all others, both in the
material and in the manner of its manufacture.
Messrs. Henry Thomson & Co.'s Irish whisky,
of which Mr. Ruttonjee has forwarded us
samples, has an elegant finish and a pronounced
Irish bouquet and flavor which raise it clearly
above the ordinary level, and prove conclusively
that the great popularity of this brand at home
is more than justified. The supremacy of
Thomson's Irish is perhaps best indicated by
the fact that it is supplied to both the House of
Lords and the House of Commons, and to the
Hongkong Telegraph. So it must be good!

THE *Charlton* Towers floated off the beach at
Slope Island, Junk Bay, this morning, and was
towed by the Dock Co's tug *Pilot* into
Hungnam Bay and again beached, in soft mud,
between the docks and Blackheads. It was
found that her pumps could keep the water
from gaining at all inside, and so she was
brought in for better facility in unloading;
as, of course, she cannot possibly be docked
until every bit of coal is taken out of
her and the upper portion of her double
bottom laid open, ready for the work of inspec-
ting and repairing. She still had, when brought
in this morning, some 2,000 tons of coal on
board; just enough had been taken out to let
her fore part float clear, the after part was not
ground in Junk Bay. It is probable that she
will go into dock in about a week.

The quantity of cotton consumed by the various
cotton spinning mills in Japan increases year
after year, and according to the *Yokohama*, which
is quoted by the *Japan Gazette*, foreign cotton has
especially reached an enormous amount of late
years, showing a decided increase compared with
a few years ago. We reproduce from our con-
temporary the following figures published by the
Japanese Government for the quantity supplied by
various foreign countries:

Japanese cotton 88,729 *kan*
Chinese cotton 3,487,737 "
Indian cotton 5,417,444 "
American cotton 1,356,618 "
Egyptian cotton 691 "
Assam and Saigon cotton 261,619 "

Total 10,887,348 "

For the first time in the history of the colony a
representation of "one of Shakespeare's plays
has been put before the public by school boys.
The pupils of the High School, reading up
the subjects for the Oxford Local Examinations, had
to study "The Tempest" and by their own
request, arrangements were made for a repre-
sentation of Acts II and III, which was suc-
cessfully accomplished yesterday, when some
two hundred persons were attracted by this
allegorical novel spectacle. Among those
present in the School were Bishop Richmond, Dr.
and Mrs. Bateson Wright, Rev. G. H. Bondfield,
Hon. E. R. Bellion, and many others. We should
advise the A. D. C. to form the acquaintance
of those young gentlemen who are well personated
Gonzalo, Stephano, Caliban, Trinculo, Alonso,
Ariel and Ferdinand. There is material here
to work upon and under the able instruction that
they have been privileged to enjoy we might
even here in Hongkong find ourselves possessed
of a Garrick or a Henry Irving. By a most
graceful act entirely unexpected a hearty vote of
thanks was awarded by acclamation, on the
motion of the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, to the Head-
master (Mr. Bateson) and those pupils who had
so well represented "one of the great master-
pieces."

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Suffey*, with
the next English mail, left Singapore for this port
at 4 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about
5 p.m. on the 6th inst. (Sunday).

"PUZZLED." "Thanks" for your good wishes.
They call the goat William because his name is
Nathaniel. Surely that is a sufficient expan-
sion! Some people really want to know too
much and are never satisfied. But, *washt!*

"GRANNY" and Annot Reid are engaged in a
little game of "you scratch my back and I
will scratch yours." The Only Journalist has
admitted "Upation" to be his equal. With a
figure 1 put in front they would make a hundred.

THE appropriation for the construction of men-
of-war for Japan having been voted intact as
claimed by the Government, has been already
announced as an item in the Budget of the
present year. The Naval Department is there-
fore already making preparations for the con-
struction of new men-of-war. Rear-Admiral
Fukushima, attached to the staff of the Naval
Department, has, according to the *Japan*
Gazette, been desired to make the necessary
designs for a steel cruiser and three other vessels.
The matter of tonnage, style, expenditure, the
foreign builders to whom the construction is
to be entrusted are therefore under consideration.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Akeroyd, Puisne Judge.)
5th April.

THE DEBTORS' PRISON.

In the matter of Tong Yuk agais: Tsang Tim
Mr. Grist (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office) applied
for an order to release defendant from prison. Mr.
Wright (Wong and Deacon) opposed on behalf
of the plaintiff.

It appeared from defendant's affidavit that
plaintiff obtained judgment against him for
\$400 in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice
Akeroyd, and as the debt still remained unpaid,
the debtor was imprisoned on the 2nd March.
Since then he had been in jail, but had no
means of paying, nor any prospect of ever doing
so as long as he remained in jail. He therefore
prayed for release.

In reply to these statements of the judgment
debtor, it was alleged by the creditor that defen-
dant had no ready funds and houses in China,
and ample means to pay if he wished. He had
five wives, and kept up three establishments of
his own; and so could not be destitute as claimed.
Mr. Grist maintained that defendant was des-
titute; and as to the property, that belonged to
another person entirely, and as to the five wives
they supported themselves while the husband
was in jail. The Court might appoint a com-
mission to take evidence as to whether the
property really did belong to defendant or not.
The case was adjourned until to-morrow for
the production of evidence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held
this afternoon. There were present:—H. E.
Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., Governor; Mr. G.
T. M. O'Brien (Colonial Secretary); Mr. F. A.
C. Goodman (Attorney-General); Mr. F. A.
C. Goodman (Director of Public Works); Mr. J. H.
Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. G.
Mitchell-Jones (Colonial Treasurer); Mr. R. G.
Murray Rumney (Harbour Master); Mr. C. E.
Chater, T. H. Whitehead, E. R. Bellion, J. J.
Kewick, and Ho Kai, unofficial members.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

KOWLOON ROADS.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, a
financial minute in which the Governor recom-
mended a vote of \$19,319.48 for roads in Kow-
loon was referred to the Finance Committee.

WHARFOWNERS COMPENSATION.

The *Praya* (Compensation) Bill No. 2, passed through
committee and third reading, and became law. Bill
No. 1, standing at second reading, now falls
through.

MARION BENEFICENT FUND.

Mr. Chater moved the first reading of a Bill
for the incorporation of the trustees of the Hong-
kong and South China Marine Benevolence
Fund. He explained that the fund was com-
menced in July, 1892, and had been suc-
cessful. The present system, depending on the
fund in banks in the names of individuals, was
cumbersome and costly, and the Bill was intended
(like several recent Bills) simply to incorporate
the trustees, to obviate difficulties and save
expense.

Mr. Whitehead had much pleasure in second-
ing the motion.

ADJOURNMENT.

His Excellency adjourned the Council *sin-
de*, as there was no further business at present.
He expected the Po Loui Kow Commission's
report in about three weeks, and would lay it
before the Council as soon as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee passed the vote for
Kowloon Roads, and adjourned until the next
Council meeting.

FAREWELL DINNER TO MR. BOYD.

Last night (April 4th) a complimentary dinner
was given at the Hongkong Hotel in honor of
Mr. J. W. Boyd, late superintendent engineer of
the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company,
who leaves the Colony on Wednesday next, the
13th inst., by the *Empress of China*, for Eng-
land, after 17 years' service at the Hongkong
Docks. The dinner was given by the Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Company, and was presided
over by Mr. D. Gillies, secretary and manager
for the Dock Company, and the table
was laid under the able personal supervision of
Mr. Tucker, manager of the Hotel, for about fifty
guests.

After a most enjoyable dinner, the Chairman,
who was greeted with loud applause, rose to
propose the first toast of the evening—"The
Queen." He said:—"The first toast on the list,
gentlemen, and the first to be honored at all
social gatherings similar to this, is the health
of her most gracious Majesty the Queen.
Rejoicing and distinguished as her reign has been
by the tranquility of every domestic and personal
virtue, there is no assembly of Englishmen in
any part of the world but hail her with ac-
clamation whenever it is mentioned. (Cheers.)
As Scotsmen we would fain believe that she has
a special liking for the country which is the
home of her royal ancestors, who placed her
upon the throne of England, and we are proud
to know that she looks with a peculiar interest
on the 'Land of the Flood and the Mountain
Heather.' (Loud cheers) and we are also
proud to know that she once in every year she
escapes from the toils and the cares of royal
life and finds refuge in the 'Land of the
Heather.' I have much pleasure in
proposing the health of her Majesty the Queen."
The toast having been duly honored, the
Chairman said:—"The next toast I have pro-
posed is one which is always favored and received
with the warmest welcome, and which calls forth
the most heartfelt expressions of respect and

admiration from all Englishmen—"The Army
and Navy." (Applause.) The powerful means
which England now has to defend her homes,
to maintain her rights, and to lead us to victory, are
the army and navy. I hope that peace will
long remain in the world undisturbed, but if it
should be that our valiant warriors on land as
well as sea should again be called into action,
I am sure that they will prove the worthy sons
of their illustrious sire—(hear, hear)—men who
in former times have shed a brilliant lustre on
the name of England and maintained the honor
of the British flag and honor of the Old Country.
(Applause.) I have much pleasure in proposing
the Army and Navy, coupled with the name of
Mr. Shean, R.N.

The toast was duly honored and briefly but
cordially acknowledged.

Mr. Andrew Johnston proposed the next
toast—"Our Guest." Mr. Boyd was about
to leave the Colony, having severed his
connection with the Hongkong and Whampoa
Dock Company, and no doubt all would
join in heartily wishing him and his good
wife *bon voyage*, a happy meeting with their
family in England, and every success in the
future, hoping to meet him again some day.
(Loud cheers.) He was leaving in Hongkong
very many well-wishers, who sincerely regretted
his departure—(hear, hear)—knowing his services
for the past eight years in a rather difficult and
always arduous position, trying to the temper as
always a pleasant smile and a ready answer—
(Loud cheers.) I am afraid I look round
at the best answer of all was good work—
(Hear, hear.) Mr. Boyd was an honor to the
profession of engineer, and socially it would be
hard to find his equal. (Applause.) All who
had enjoyed his hospitality knew his pleasant
and cheerful disposition, and all present would
heartily join in drinking his health, coupled
with that of Mr. Boyd.

The whole company rose and drank to Mr.
and Mrs. Boyd, with musical honours, ending
with three times three.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen,
it has been said that "some men are born great,
some achieve greatness, and some have greatness
thrust upon them." I am afraid I belong to the
latter class this evening. When I look round
this brilliant assembly of men, eminent in
Engineering Science, and all more or less
intimately connected with the great shipping
trade of this port, and find myself the guest of
such a distinguished company, and with the
flattering and generous words of my friend Mr.
Johnston fresh in my ears, I fear I should
ever regret the deep sense of gratitude I must
ever entertain for the honour conferred on me to-
night. You will, I am sure, forgive me if I add
that with my gratitude there is associated a small
amount of honest pride, because in the compliment
now paid to me I recognise the estimation in which
you hold the profession to which I belong, and
I desire thus publicly and emphatically to ac-
knowledge the kind and generous appreciation
which has been extended to me, throughout my
career in Hongkong. I trust that I shall ever
continue to be guided by the principle which I
have endeavored to adopt as the rule of my
professional life—faithfulness in my calling as
a servant of the public; and suffer me here also
in a single word to refer to those happy relations
which it has ever been my good fortune to main-
tain with my professional brethren, I wish to
say, to me, memorable occasion, when I am parting
from you for a time, or it may be for ever, I
express the hope that the bond of kindly feeling
which so long has existed may remain un-
broken. Nor must I forget to acknowledge with
gratitude those other equally dear, if more
private relations, that exist between friends of
a few of whom I recognize here to-night,
which I am deeply sensible. But, Mr.
Chairman and gentlemen, I must not further
occupy your time, for however ready I may be
in giving utterance to the words of others, I feel
my power of expression, on such an occasion as
this, to be very feeble indeed. Once more I thank
you heartily, very heartily; that your good
wishes go with me; that my earnest
gratitude is yours, you will, I am sure, believe.
Deeply and sincerely I thank you one and all for
the high and flattering compliment you have
been pleased to pay me to-night—a compliment
which will never quit my memory, however
sorely it may be missed; which will ever mark
one of the pleasantest episodes of my life.
Taking an opportunity afforded me now I trust
you will grant me permission to say a few words
about my old friend Mr. Johnston, who in my
estimation has a large demand on his fellow-
men, and is deserving of all honour at our hands.
For the many, straightforward and upright con-
duct that has governed all his actions. I have
had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Johnston for a
long time, and have been closely associated with
him in many transactions. I can fearlessly aver,
a more honest man does not exist, nor a more
sincere friend of all that should become a man
he stands possessed, and when Mr. Chairman
and gentlemen, we think of the brave and the
wise, the worthy should not be forgotten.
(Loud applause.) And now with a heart
more full than the glass I now hold, I drink to
your hearty good health, and your greatest
happiness.

In the absence (through sickness) of Capt.
Bunce, Mr. R. Fraser-Smith proposed the toast
of "Engineering and Shipbuilding." Although
not now connected with the profession, he had
formerly had the privilege of being in the office
of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company
under Mr. Gillies, whom he was pleased to see
among them now. (Applause.) It was
interesting to study the progress made
by engineering and shipbuilding since the
year 1876, since the period to which he
referred. At that time, a ship doing 15 knots
was a prodigy; nowadays, 14, 16, 18
knots are done easily—men simply laughed at
the old ideas. Men's brains were becoming
larger, engines were becoming more powerful,
ships were becoming more advanced.
When he first came to Hongkong, 17 years
ago, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Com-
pany had much opposition to fight,
many rivals to beat. They were all dead now,
then—thanks to Mr. Gillies. (Applause.) Hong-
kong now had a more complete system of docks
than any colony ten times its size in all the
world—thanks to Mr. Gillies. (Loud applause.)
In those days, the Company could not pay a
dividend, and the shares were at a big discount;
thanks to the energy and ability of the manager.
Another point in reference to the past, the
matter was the superiority of Hongkong in the
construction of steam launches. In Australia, what
had they? Simply wretched things. Here,
designed by Mr. Crok, engaged by Mr. Boyd,
and developed to perfection by the Dock Com-
pany—no place in all the world could show a
better class of launch-like that in Hongkong
harbour. (Loud cheers.) With regard to the guest
of the evening, Mr. Boyd, it would be expressing
the unanimous opinion of all who knew him to
say that he was during his 17 years here a most
courteous, polite, and hard-working man, a
man who had done his utmost to please every-
body. Hongkong was but a small place, and was
going to be a new and wider sphere of life, in
which he would be sure to achieve a success
which was practically impossible here. By his
departure the Dock Company lost a good ser-
vant, and Mr. Boyd lost a good master. (Loud
applause.)

"Engineering and Shipbuilding" was then
toastingly acknowledged. In responding, Mr.
Robert Cook said that he thought Mr. G. For-
wick, as head of a firm, would more suitably have
acknowledged the compliment to the profession.
All Hongkong was more or less intimately in-
terested in the prosperity of engineering and
shipbuilding; and an immense amount of capital was
invested in it here and the Colony bore a reputa-
tion such as very few remote places held, as one
of the best engineering ports of the world. (Hear,
hear.) The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Company was, as Mr. Fraser-Smith said, a
splendid concern; it was formerly in low water,
but Mr. Gillies, the manager, had by sheer pluck
and backbone pulled it out of the hole. The
speaker had been connected with the Company
over 20 years, and knew what it had been and
what it now was. It could challenge the world.
(Loud cheers.) Of course, it was not the only
engineering concern in the Colony by any means.
It was quite true also, as Mr. Fraser-Smith said,
that no port in the world could rival Hongkong
in steam launches, as had been frequently
remarked by visitors. Without saying more on
the subject, which was a very large and important
one, he thanked them cordially for their reception
of the toast.

Mr. Dixon proposed "The Mercantile Marine."
He was expected to be asked for a speech on
this occasion, and was sure better men could
have been found for the duty. The Mercantile
Marine was a great institution, and everybody
was proud of it. Just now it was suffering from
great depression, and vast numbers of men were
out of employment at home. He coupled with
the toast the name of Captain Tillet. (Applause.)
Captain Tillet, in acknowledging the honour, said
he agreed that the Mercantile Marine was one
of the greatest institutions of the present
age. The United Kingdom could not live with-
out it. Most of those present made a living out
of it—either the gentlemen of Her Majesty's service
would agree that without the Mercantile Marine
there would be little use for them. (Laughter
and applause.) It was very sad, as Mr. Dixon
had mentioned, that such a large amount of
tonnage was laid up just now at home for want
of employment. The Legislature certainly ought
to do more to give the British mercantile marine
as good a chance as foreigners. The British
had taught the whole world how to build ships,
how to put engines into them, and how to run
them—(loud cheers)—and now the foreigners
were competing and cutting out the home people.
The British ought at least to be on the same
footing and to have as good a chance as the
foreigners. (Hear, hear.) The immense amount
of shipping laid up in England now meant not
only loss of earning power to the shipowners and
their servants, but also to all who supplied stores
and did other work on shore in connection with
the ships.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Wylie
sang "Bonnie Dundee," which was received
with loud applause.
Mr. Cassin proposed "The Ladies," including
especially Mrs. Boyd, whose absence he was
sure all regretted.
Messrs. Mitchell, Kinghorn, Fenwick, Cousins,
and Boyd varied the programme with songs,
which were greatly appreciated.
Capt. Anderson proposed the health of the
Chairman whom all were very pleased to see
at this friendly gathering. (Applause.) Nobody
could have discharged the duties of Chairman
more efficiently than Mr. Gillies had done.
(Hear, hear.) The speaker had known him
over 25 years, and trusted the friendship would
be maintained to the end of the chapter. Mr.
Gillies was known to the Colony in many
different spheres, as the promoter of various
important interests, as a banker, and as a
philanthropist. (Applause.) Those hall-
ing from the "Land o' Cakes" knew him as a
prominent member of the St. Andrew's Society,
and as the watchful guardian of all that concerned
the honour and good name of Scotland. (Loud
cheers.) The present flourishing condition of
the Dock Company was, as had been said, due
greatly to him, and his work would go down to
posterity. (Hear, hear.)
The health of Mr. Gillies, and also that of
Mrs. Gillies, was toasted with great enthusiasm.
The Chairman—Captain Anderson—said
gentlemen, I assure you I feel great difficulty in
replying to the toast so warmly proposed and
accepted. I should be a very proud man indeed
were I only possessed of one half of the good
qualities for which my friend opposite has been
kind enough to give me credit. I have certainly
been connected with several institutions in this
Colony, and I have given them the best of my
time and attention; if they have been successful
or have advanced in any way, it is due to the
gratification to myself. Capt. Anderson has men-
tioned my connection with banking; I have the
privilege of being a director of one of the local
banks, which is as yet in its infancy and
struggling to come to the front. So far as my
assistance has been of value to it, I am afraid
that has been very little. I do not aspire to be
a banker. If the bank makes progress—and I
hope it will—I am sure it will—let me say
that I will be due to the management. (Hear,
hear.) Directors may in some cases give useful
advice, but often I think managers might get
very weary of it. Sometimes directors are
able to give a great deal of help in the way of
bringing in business. Hongkong has very fine
docks and very large workshops, which,
as has already been said, may compare
favourably with others in any part of the
world. (Loud applause.) But what would be
the use of them without the skill and ability of
those placed in charge? (Hear, hear.) There
are many places in the world where there are
docks and machinery, but I am sorry to say that
they are often used with very poor effect. In
Hongkong I am proud to say we have achieved
excellent results; we have paid large dividends
since the time referred to by Mr. Fraser-Smith,
when competition

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Lady Aberdeen is rumoured to exhibit at the World's Fair.

An electrical canal is said to be in operation at Cherbourg, France.

An association for preventing the immigration of destitute aliens is vigorously at work in England.

Ireland sends annually 40,000 tons of eggs—some 640,000 in round numbers—to England alone.

Seven new planets, all small, the largest of the ninth magnitude, were discovered during January last.

A scientific journal says that India-rubber street pavements have proved successful in several large European cities.

Charles de Lesseps, in the Messis Prison at Paris, is required to make his own bed, clean up his cell and wash his clothes.

Sun dials are old-fashioned, perhaps, but a gentleman in Paris has just invented one much more accurate than a poor watch.

An Egyptian scythe, dug up on the banks of the Nile in 1890, and said to be as old as Moses, is exhibited in a London museum.

A French merchant, the victim of several defaulting cashiers, recently advertised for "a cashier as honest as possible and paralyzed in both legs."

A census of the Hungarian Gypsies, taken on the last day of January this year, shows the total number of that curious people in Hungary to be 185,000.

An offer has been made to attend to the sanitation of a Scotch town with 10,000 inhabitants for £15 a year. Hongkong Sanitary Board, kindly note.

A German stall-titan finds that the most "unlucky" day of the week, so far as accidents to human beings are concerned, is not Friday, but Monday.

Guarantors of the Barling Brothers are discussing the extension of the liquidation—prior to a year and reducing the guaranty from \$85,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

The Russian Government, it is reported, will shortly impose a special duty upon foreign goods conveyed from one Russian port to another in foreign vessels.

In England, American novelties and small machinery are quite popular, but the market is flooded with "cheap and nasty" German imitations of American goods.

M. Chappuis proposed electric railway through the Simplon Pass is estimated to cost \$8,000,000, and would greatly reduce the distance between Italy and Northern Europe.

The Chateau d'Ardenne, a palace that was begun eleven years ago for the King of the Belgians, is now nearly completed and will be occupied by him next summer.

Queen Victoria, Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice will each contribute at least one original piece of literary work to the Women's Exhibition at the World's Fair.

A bill has been introduced into the New South Wales Legislature to restrict the admission of Syrian peddlers, on the ground that these destitute aliens are becoming a public evil.

The electrical bicycle is cropping up in England. The weight of the batteries when filled with liquid is to be 44 pounds, and the whole weight of the machine is to be 155 pounds.

It has been decided to call on the entire militia force of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands for training this season. The number of men under arms is expected to reach 115,000.

The Empress of Austria, who is making a tour of Spain, is extracting a good deal of amusement by following in the practice of the good Habsburgs, and hobnobbing with very humble folk.

In breaking up the *Volta*, an old wooden cruiser of the French Navy, landed shells were found in her timbers. It is believed the shells were fired into her at the fight at Pagoda Anchorage, nine years ago.

An Austrian woman recently died from blood-poisoning caused by rubbing a small sore on her black kid glove. Inflammation set in, her head swelled enormously and she died after a very brief illness.

A niece of Mozart, Frau Josepha Lang, died at Vienna last week ago, at the age of seventy-three, almost in poverty. During her latter years she was practically supported by admirers of the great composer.

Mr. Mundella, President of the Board of Trade, has decided to send Messrs. David Salomon and William Barnett to the United States to examine and report on the question of stopping the immigration of pauper aliens.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the *London Standard*, the problem of smokeless coal is not so simple as it at first seems to be, and a newly-patented process which is exciting an immense sensation in Germany.

The Swiss Canton of Obwalden, which contains fewer than 15,000 inhabitants, has a colony of agriculturalists, prohibited smoking, or smoking by any Obwaldener who has not reached adult age.

The *Turin Gazette* says that there is reason to believe that King Humbert spent 4,000,000 francs from his private fortune to redeem notes that conspicuous politicians gave the Bank of Rome and the National Bank.

A valuable collection of Wagner manuscripts, which were "in great danger of being sold to America, to the detriment of German research," was recently bought in Berlin by the German Wagner Society for \$5,000,000.

More English laborers have gone out to New Zealand for acclimatization, the last experiment having proved successful. For nine years the attempt failed, the laborers being unable to bear the tropical heat on the voyage.

Vine-growers in the Rhine districts and Alsace-Lorraine are seriously alarmed at the effect of the recent severe cold on the plants. The frost has penetrated so far into the earth that the very roots of the vines are attacked.

According to the report of the American Colonization Society, the colony of fourteen families sent to Liberia is doing very well. One of the colonists has his own house completed and has planted over five thousand coffee-trees.

A movement is on foot in England to improve the quality, and increase the amount of food supplied to British merchant-sailors, and American naval regulations are being taken as a model.

France, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany are to wage a joint war of extermination against wolves. During the past year 365 were killed in a half-dozen departments of France, and their skins were paid for by the French Government.

W. H. Preece, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers of London, said in a recent speech that, as the result of a late discovery, the cost of electrical lighting will soon be so materially reduced that it will be only half that of gas.

The railroads of France are rapidly adopting electric light-lighting apparatus, by means of the storage-battery system, using six, eight or ten cells per car. Each car carries sixteen cells of battery and each is independent of the rest of the train in its lighting outfit.

In commenting on a recent novel of New-England life by Miss Mary E. Wilkins the *London Academy* says: "The dialect has been evidently taken direct from the life; it is singular how nearly it resembles that commonly heard in the World of Kent and Sussex."

The Queen is said to have immense wine cellars in her various palaces. Her old port, sherry, East India, Madeira and Cabinet Rhine

WESLEY'S THEORY OF EARTH-QUAKES.

"The cause of earthquakes," said John Wesley, "is sin."

How be reasoned it out is not easy for the average stunner to see. The idea of such a tremendous physical convulsion, as an earthquake resulting from the violation of moral laws is nonsense in the eyes of modern science. The reverse is more often true.

"The cause of a deal of sin," said Hannah More, "is bile." That we can see through. Bile poisons the brain, and the brain is the organ of the mind. It is certain that all the earthquakes that ever shook this wicked world never did half the damage that is done every year by angry stomachs and lousy livers.

Generally, however, earthquakes have been beaten in diplomacy, workmen have been thrown out of jobs, clergymen have preached poor sermons, and husbands and wives have quarrelled for no reason under the sun but a "touch of liver complaint." The crust of society can never be quiet with such a force as biliousness under it. This is not a run-of-the-mill metaphor; it is a hard, cold fact, and the man who doesn't know it has never tried to do business with another man when the second man's skin looked yellow, or asked a loan from a friend when that friend was labouring under a sharp indigestion.

Writing of a time six years ago a lady says her skin became first yellow and then of a sallow hue. Her breathing was difficult and short, and she felt much pain in the chest and sides. Her appetite failed, of course, for Nature never calls for food when she is not in condition to use it. Still a trifle of sustenance must be taken. The lady took it, digested a bit of it, and suffered great distress from the pressure of the rest in the torpid stomach. We scarcely need say that her sleep was broken, and mind and body weary, weak, and out of tone. Now what sort of life is this to lead? What is anybody good for while in such a state as that? What would you give a servant who was always so? What would you want for your own success in business if you had to put yourself against other people's sharpness, while you had to fight with a poison-soaked head and a stomach that refused its breakfast? Not a crooked supine.

Our correspondent continues: "At last I took to my bed. The doctor said my liver was wrong; that I had the jaundice. As his medicine did no good, he advised me to go to the hospital. I objected to this, and he said, 'Try a change of air, then, and see what that will do for you.' So I went to my old home in Falmouth, Gloucestershire. This did no good, and I consulted another physician, who attended me for some time, but failed to help me. My friends now thought I was in a delirium."

"I didn't see enough to feed a bird, and began to despair. Gradually growing more feeble and miserable, with no expectation of better days, I lingered on until July, 1880, when an acquaintance urged me to try Mother Selig's Syrup. The confidence my friend seemed to have in this medicine made such an impression on me, that I sent my niece four miles to get it. After taking the first bottle I felt better. A weight appeared to be lifted from my chest, I began to relish my food, and felt better in every respect. I will conclude by saying that when I had used two bottles more I returned to Birmingham quite well, and have had no attack of the disease since. I am only sorry I did not know of the Syrup years before. (Signed SARAH HAWKES, of the Lion Inn, Longmore Street, Birmingham.)"

There is certainly a lesson for the day. Probably there is not one person in a thousand who has not suffered from what is called a "bilious attack," and many more who are less bilious all the time. The symptoms are these: Turned tongue, head-ache, dizziness, and sleeplessness, yellow eyes and skin, spots of discoloration, bad hands and cold feet, bad taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, broken sleep, nervousness, loss of inclination to exertion or work, low spirits, irritable temper, the gulping of a nauseating wind or gas, distress after eating and wandering pains and uneasiness all over the body.

These things signify liver complaint, and the cause is indigestion and dyspepsia. If long neglected there are plenty of worse consequences to follow. The success of Selig's Syrup in curing this malady is due to the fact that it goes straight as an arrow to the very root and source of it, the paralyzed digestion.

Whatever may be the true theory of earthquakes we may be sure of one thing anyway—namely, that bile in the blood, arising from an arrest of the digestive function, is a hotbed of moral sorrow, pain, and death, and that all the powers at the disposal of the earth ever scattered over its surface.—[Advt.]

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By Order of the Board. W. H. WALKER, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [418]

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